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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideo YOSHIHARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2854

Application No.: 10/643,216

Examiner: M. CRENSHAW

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Docket No.: 116892

For: EXHAUST SYSTEM OF IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the March 13, 2007 personal interview, Applicants provide their separate record of the personal interview. Applicants also appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiners Crenshaw and Evanisko during the March 13, 2007 personal interview.

During the personal interview, Applicant's representatives traversed the rejections of claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 15, 16, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Japanese Published Patent Application No. 10-143053 to Eiji, and claims 2, 4 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Eiji in view of Japanese Published Patent Application No. 2002-189320 to Akio et al. (hereinafter Akio).

As agreed during the personal interview, Eiji fails to disclose all of the features of recited claims 1 and 15. With respect to claim 1, Eiji fails to disclose a first power source circuit board that generates a larger amount of heat than a second power source circuit board, and that is disposed downstream of the second power circuit board in an air passage direction.

With respect to claim 15, Eiji fails to disclose a power source circuit board disposed inside the main casing for outputting a drive voltage to drive the processing unit and disposed adjacent to the first exhaust outlet.

In view of the foregoing and the February 20, 2007 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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